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MISSOURI COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

The Missouri Council of Defense is an advisory commission appointed by the Governor of the State to co-operate with the National Council of Defense in all matters pertaining to the present war emergency. The functions and duties of the Missouri Council of Defense are indicated by Governor Frederick D. Gardner, as follows:

"The idea of a State Council of Defense is an outgrowth of the old State Council of Safety of the Revolutionary War. The duties of such a Council, among other things, are:

1st. To mobilize and conserve all the resources of the State.

2nd. To co-operate with the War and Navy Departments, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Federal Trade Commission, and the National Council of Defense.

3rd. To assist in a movement to prevent uneconomic speculation in the necessaries of life.

4th. To take the lead in all movements for assisting the farmer, also in exploiting the advantage of municipal and community gardening; shall co-operate with the College of Agriculture, State Board of Agriculture and the Superintendent of Schools, etc.

5th. In brief, this Committee will be the supreme authority of the commonwealth in relation to the State's duties to the nation during the entire period of the war.

(Signed) FREDERICK D. GARDNER,
Governor."

THE DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Missouri Council of Defense held in St. Louis on May 8, 1917, the Council considered the range of its activities and approved the following statement of its duties:

"The chief function of the National Council of Defense is to federate and co-ordinate all the activities of the National Government in order that all these enterprises of the Nation may render the largest national service during the war.

"It is the function of the Missouri Council of Defense in like manner to federate and co-ordinate the various State activities in such a manner that these shall contribute most effectively in developing the plans of the National Council of Defense. The Council has provided for the organization of the following committees, the appointments having been made by the Committee on Organization:

COMMITTEES

1. *Organization:*
   F. B. Mumford, Chairman, Columbia.
   General Frank W. McAllister, Jefferson City.
   W. F. Saunders, Secretary, Jefferson City.

2. *Agriculture and Food Production:*
   Council Member, F. B. Mumford, Columbia.
   A. J. Meyer, Chairman, Director of Agricultural Extension, Columbia.
   Jewell Mayes, Secretary State Board of Agriculture, Columbia.
   Paul Evans, Director Missouri Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain Grove.
   C. T. Patterson, Director Missouri Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove.
   J. C. Hackleman, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Seed Supplies.

3. *Distribution and Marketing:*
   Council Member, C. O. Raine, Hayti.
   Jewell Mayes, Chairman, Secretary State Board of Agriculture, Columbia.
   A. J. Meyer, Director Agricultural Extension, Columbia.
   E. W. Solomon, Bernie.
   S. R. Schmutz, Mayview.

4. *Farm Statistics:*
   Council Member, Robert Withers, Liberty.
   W. L. Nelson, Chairman, Assistant Secretary State Board of Agriculture, Columbia.
   Eugene A. Logan, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Columbia.

5. *Food Conservation:*
   W. C. Bitting, Chairman, St. Louis.
   Mayor H. W. Kiel, St. Louis.
   Mayor Geo. H. Edwards, Kansas City.

6. *Labor:*
   Council Member R. T. Wood, Springfield.
   Wm. H. Lewis, Commissioner of Labor, Chairman, Jefferson City.
   C. G. Brittingham, Eldon.

   Sub-Committee on Farm Labor:
   Council Member, J. H. Galeener, Sikeston.
   D. C. Wood, Chairman, Columbia.
   H. S. Clark, Columbia.

   Sub-Committee on Boys' Reserve Corps:
   Uel W. Lamkin, Chairman, Jefferson City.

7. *Mineral Resources:*
   Council Member, Hugh McIndoe, Joplin.
   H. A. Buehler, State Geologist, Chairman, Rolla.
   A. L. McRae, Director School of Mines, Rolla.
   George Hill, Bevier.
   Thomas Walton, Higbee.

8. *Public Education:*
   Uel W. Lamkin, Superintendent of Public Schools, Chairman, Jefferson City.
   A. Ross Hill, President University of Missouri, Columbia.
   W. S. Dearmont, President Third District Normal School, Cape Girardeau.

William H. Black, President Missouri Valley College, Marshall.
John W. Withers, Superintendent St. Louis Schools, St. Louis.
I. I. Cammack, Superintendent Kansas City Schools, Kansas City.

9. *Army and Navy:*
Cecil W. Thomas, Chairman, Jefferson City.
General F. W. McAllister, Jefferson City.

10. *Finance:*
Wm. H. Lee, Chairman, St. Louis.
B. F. Bush, St. Louis.
C. F. Enright, Jefferson City.
W. T. Kemper, Kansas City.
Elliott Marshall, St. Joseph.
Hugh McIndoe, Joplin.
R. A. Long, Kansas City.
Fred W. Fleming, Kansas City.

11. *Women's Defense Work:*
Council Member, M. L. Wilkinson, St. Louis.
Mrs. B. F. Bush, Chairman, St. Louis.

12. *Publicity:*
Archbishop Glennon, Chairman, St. Louis.
S. J. Roy, Hannibal.
E. E. E. McJimsey, Springfield.
I. B. Dunlap, Kansas City.
W. F. Saunders, Jefferson City.

13. *Manufacturing Industries:*
W. S. Dickey, Chairman, Kansas City.
David Sommers, St. Louis.
George W. Brown, St. Louis.

The work of these committees will be conducted chiefly through the regularly constituted agencies of the State, such as the College of Agriculture, the State Board of Agriculture, the Missouri Fruit Experiment Station, the Missouri Poultry Experiment Station, the State Geologist, State Bureau of Labor, and other administrative offices of the State government.

The Missouri Council of Defense will proceed at once to organize County Councils of Defense, and the County Councils of Defense will be instructed to organize Township Councils of Defense.

The County and Township Councils of Defense may best serve the Nation at this time by carrying out the program of work which follows. All of these activities have been approved by the National Council of Defense and the co-operation of all local councils is earnestly urged by the Federal and State authorities.

HOW ALL MISSOURIANS MAY HELP

The Missouri Council of Defense, realizing the magnitude of the task before the American nation, and recognizing the importance of State co-operation in the development of the Federal plans or the national defense, earnestly urges upon all the people, and especially the County and Township Councils of Defense, that they co-operate with the National Council of Defense and the State Council of Defense in assisting the Federal Government in the following ways:

1. *Increase the production of food crops by*
   - (a) increasing the acreage;
   - (b) increasing the yields per acre;
   - (c) increasing garden crops;
   - (d) preventing destruction of crops by injurious insects;
   - (e) writing to the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, for information on all matters pertaining to agriculture and food production;

(f) writing to the State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, for information on Distribution and Marketing of Farm Products, Control of Animal Diseases, and Farm Crop Statistics.

2. *Assist in the conservation of foods by*
   (a) preventing waste;
   (b) encouraging the preservation of foods by canning and drying.
3. Consume more food products grown in local community.
4. Educate the people as to the magnitude of the task ahead of the American nation and promote a patriotic spirit.
5. Aid in recruiting for the National Guard and the regular army.
6. Aid in every way possible in carrying out the enrollment for the army which has been authorized by Congress.
7. Assist the War Department in applying intelligently the selective draft plan.
8. Encourage the recruiting of the additional number required by the United States Navy.
9. Help to organize some definite system so that the worker and the employer may be put in contact with each other, thereby averting, if possible, the threatened shortage of labor.
10. Assist in the flotation of all bond issues of the government.

11. Appoint the following committees to have charge of the subjects indicated in your County:
    1. Agriculture and Food Production
    2. Labor
    3. Utilization and Economy
    4. Distribution and Marketing
    5. Finance
    6. Manufacture.
    7. Co-operation with other local patriotic agencies.
    8. Women's Defense Work.
12. Also co-operate with every state agency at work for the national defense. Find out especially who the chairman of your County and Township Council of Defense is and offer him your help.
13. Co-operate with the emergency food agent working for increased food production in your county. (This official represents the College of Agriculture and the Federal Department of Agriculture, and is backed by the authority of the President of the United States and the Federal Congress, and will be fully informed on many matters of vital interest to the community).
14. Help the Missouri Council of Defense to secure clean, moral surroundings for military camps in the state, large or small, permanent or temporary.

The headquarters of the Missouri Council of Defense will be at Jefferson City. All communications should be addressed to Missouri Council of Defense, Jefferson City, Missouri.

DUTIES OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

The duties of the County Councils of Defense are described in this letter, sent to each member of a County Council from headquarters.

To Members of County Councils of Defense:

The county councils of defense are to conduct the official organization in each county to serve with the State Council of Defense in all matters pertaining to the national defense.

The greatest service which Missouri may render to the Nation at this time is to encourage larger production of all food products and to encourage the conservation and preservation of these products.

The County Council of Defense should elect an active Secretary who can give sufficient time to the work to handle promptly correspondence which may come to him.

It is further suggested that committees be appointed in charge of the various activities. The following committees are recommended:

a. Agriculture and Food Production.
b. Labor.
c. Utilization and Economy.
d. Distribution and Marketing.
e. Finance.
f. Co-operation With Other Local Patriotic Agencies.
g. Women's Defense Work.
h. Other committees as needed.

Membership on these committees need not be limited to members of the County Council of Defense.

The County Councils of Defense should proceed immediately to organize Township Councils of Defense of not less than seven members each. The names of the members of the Township Councils and the names of all committeemen should be sent promptly to the Secretary of the Missouri Council of Defense, Jefferson City, Missouri.

F. B. MUMFORD,
Chairman.

W. F. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE.

"The supreme test of the nation has come," President Wilson says, in a personal appeal to his fellow citizens issued from Washington, April 15, 1917.

To the farmers of the United States he addresses his appeal with especial emphasis. "Putting the navy on a war footing and raising a great army are the simplest parts of the task," the President declares. He calls upon the farmers to concentrate their utmost energies to increase the production of food stuffs, pointing out in strong words that this is vital to the successful prosecution of the war.

The practical and unlimited co-operation of the Government in the great work that devolves upon the farmers is pledged by the President. Those portions of the proclamation which relate to the supreme need of food stuffs follow:

"My Fellow Countrymen: The entrance of our own beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights, which has shaken the world, creates so many problems of national life and action which call for immediate consideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address to you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them. We are rapidly putting our navy upon an effective war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these are the simplest part of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves.

"MUST SUPPLY ABUNDANT FOOD."

"We must supply abundant food for ourselves and for our armies and our seamen not only, but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting.

"FOOD STUFFS SUPREME NEED.

"I take the liberty, therefore, of addressing this word to the farmers of the country and to all who work on the farms:

"The supreme need of our own nation and of the nations with which we are co-operating is an abundance of supplies and

especially of food stuffs. The importance of an adequate food supply, especially for the present year, is superlative. Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the peoples now at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fail. The world's food reserves are low. Not only during the present emergency, but for some time after peace shall have come, both our own people and a large proportion of the people of Europe must rely upon the harvests in America. Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations. May the nation not count upon them to omit no step that will increase the production of their land or that will bring about the most effectual co-operation in the sale and distribution of their products. The time is short. It is of the most imperative importance that everything possible be done and done immediately to make sure of large harvests.

"I call upon young men and old alike and upon the able bodied boys of the land to accept and act upon this duty—to turn in hosts to the farms and make certain that no pains and labor is lacking in this great matter.

"The government of the United States and the governments of the several states stand ready to co-operate. They will do everything possible to assist farmers in securing an adequate supply of seed, an adequate force of laborers when they are most needed at harvest time, and the means of expediting shipments of fertilizers and farm machinery, as well as of the crops themselves when harvested. The course of trade shall be as unhampered as it is possible to make it, and there shall be no unwarranted manipulation of the nation's food supply by those who handle it on its way to the consumer. This is our opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of a great democracy, and we shall not fall short of it.

"The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak, act and serve together."

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

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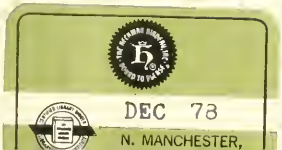
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